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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GOODWIN ET AL.

Examiner

LaShonda T. Jacobs

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on September 6, 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to Applicants' RCE filed on September 6, 2005. Claims 1-4 have been amended. Claims 1-4 are presented for further examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McMillan in view Skopp et al (hereinafter, "Skopp", 6,256,739).

As per claim 1, McMillan discloses a method of limiting access to a web page by an operator of a network kiosk comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a request to display a web page by the kiosk (abstract, col. 3, lines 11-21, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);

(b) determining an address of the web page (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);

However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose:

(c) determining a current time of day;

(d) from a schedule determining an unacceptable period of the day associated with the address during which all access to the web page is prohibited; and

(e) preventing access to the web page if the current time falls within the unacceptable period determined from the schedule.

Skopp discloses a method and apparatus to determine user identity and limit access to a communications network comprising:

(c) determining a current time of day (col. 7, lines 41-62);

(d) from a schedule determining an unacceptable period of the day associated with the address during which all access to the web page is prohibited (col. 7, lines 41-62 and col. 8, lines 19-32); and

(e) preventing access to the web page if the current time falls within the unacceptable period determined from the schedule (col. 7, lines 41-62 and col. 8, lines 19-32).

Given the teaching of Skopp, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by including an access control system in order to grant/deny a user access to particular website during a the time of day or day of week, etc. in which restriction to a website is imposed to prevent users from accessing information during an restricted times to provide a secure network.

As per claim 2, McMillan discloses the invention substantially as claimed.

However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose wherein step (d) comprises the sub-step of:

(d-1) determining a current date; and

(d-2) from the schedule, determining that the day is the current date.

Skopp discloses a method and apparatus to determine user identity and limit access to a communications network comprising:

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(d-1) determining a current date (col. 7, lines 41-62 and col. 8, lines 19-32); and
(d-2) from the schedule, determining that the day is the current date (col. 7, lines 41-62
and col. 8, lines 19-32).

Given the teaching of Skopp, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by including an access control system in order to grant/deny a user access to particular website during a the time of day or day of week, etc. in which restriction to a website is imposed to prevent users from accessing information during an restricted times to provide a secure network.

As per claim 3, McMillan discloses a method of limiting access to a web page by an operator a network kiosk comprising the steps of:

- receiving a request to display a web page by the kiosk (abstract, col. 3, lines 11-21, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);
- determining an address of the web page (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);
- comparing the address to a list of addresses (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);

However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose if the address is in the list of addresses:

- determining a current time of day and current date;
- from a schedule, determining an unacceptable date and an unacceptable time period associated with the address during which all access to the web page is prohibited ; and
- preventing all access to the web page if current time of day falls within the unacceptable time period determined from the schedule.

Skopp discloses a method and apparatus to determine user identity and limit access to a communications network comprising:

- determining a current time of day and current date (col. 7, lines 41-62);
- from a schedule, determining an unacceptable date and an unacceptable time period associated with the address during which all access to the web page is prohibited (col. 7, lines 41-62 and col. 8, lines 19-32); and
- preventing all access to the web page if current time of day falls within the unacceptable time period determined from the schedule (col. 7, lines 41-62 and col. 8, lines 19-32).

Given the teaching of Skopp, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by including an access control system in order to grant/deny a user access to particular website during a the time of day or day of week, etc. in which restriction to a website is imposed to prevent users from accessing information during an restricted times to provide a secure network.

As per claim 4, McMillan discloses a network kiosk comprising:

- a display for displaying web pages (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);;
- an input device for selecting the web pages (col. 3, lines 65-67 and col. 4, lines 1-30);;
- and
- a computer which receives a request to display a first web page from the input device, determines an address of the first web page (col. 3, lines 65-67, col. 4, lines 1-30 and lines 41-51).

However, McMillan does not explicitly disclose a computer which:

- determines a current time of day, determines from a schedule an unacceptable period of the day associated with the address during which all access to the first web page is

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prohibited, and prevents access to the first web page if the current time falls within the unacceptable period determined from the schedule.

Skopp discloses a method and apparatus to determine user identity and limit access to a communications network comprising:

- determines a current time of day, determines from a schedule an unacceptable period of the day associated with the address during which all access to the first web page is prohibited, and prevents access to the first web page if the current time falls within the unacceptable period determined from the schedule (col. 7, lines 41-62 and col. 8, lines 19-32).
- (col. 3, lines 22-28, col. 17, lines 40-56 and col. 18, lines 1-7).

Given the teaching of Skopp, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify McMillan by including an access control system in order to grant/deny a user access to particular website during a the time of day or day of week, etc. in which restriction to a website is imposed to prevent users from accessing information during an restricted times to provide a secure network.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,195,694 to Chen et al

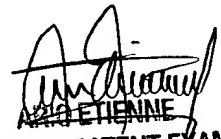
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShonda T. Jacobs whose telephone number is 571-272-4004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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